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Applicant : Toshihisa INOUE et al.
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PRODUCING THE SAME

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Examiner : Anthony G. Quash

Docket No. : 45455/250498

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SECOND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated May 9, 2003 in the patent application identified above, please reconsider that application in view of the following remarks.

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The undersigned thanks Examiner Quash for the telephone interview conducted on July 11, 2003. During that interview, the undersigned pointed out that *Conover* (4,713,165) fails to teach a device as claimed, including a hydrophobic bridge having hydrophilic portions contacting the liquid reservoirs of the device. The Examiner said he would further review *Conover* in view of that argument, and requested the undersigned to present that position in a formal response to the last Office action. No agreement was reached during this interview.

The following remarks further present and elaborate on the applicants' position taken during the telephone interview.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 11, 2003.

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